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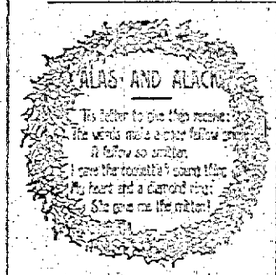
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To letter to you this morning
The world made a sonnet fellow
A fellow so smitten
I gave the romantic's count thing
My heart and a diamond ring
She gave me the mitten!

A POSTPONED CHRISTMAS.

BY P. M'ARTHUR.

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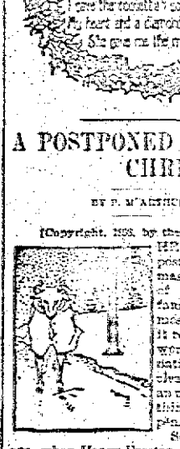

HIS story of the postponed Christmas is a tradition of the Preston family; but, like most traditions, it requires a few words of explanation to make it clear how such an unaccountable thing could happen.

Seventy years ago, when Henry Preston, the patriarch of an important Canadian family, settled in Kamaka, the strangely directed energy of Colonel Talbot was changing the wilderness on the northern shore of Lake Erie into a fruitful province. Year by year shiploads of peasants came from Great Britain to take up land in the territory where he was almost an absolute monarch, and with them came many younger sons of noble families who were ambitious to make their fortunes in the new world. Among the latter came our hero, and it was in the first year of his exile that the little adventure occurred that all who enjoyed his acquaintance often heard him describe.

In those days a Canadian winter had many terrors that have since become a memory. The optimism that has changed the level country into a series of vast swamps, and which thus miry marshes were frozen to a depth of several feet the winter had its full allotment in which to build. In consequence, from the 1st of December to the middle of March there was almost uninterrupted cold weather, when the thermometer rebuking at nearly at or point it cannot have reach without the aid of a cold wave from the northwest, but the swamps are now drained, the forests that held the snow have been cleared away and a variable climate has taken the place of the earnest weather that was then the rule. Even worse than the cold, however, was the almost unimaginable loneliness. When the winter had fairly set in, the interest that put a check on all communication, even though it sufficiented and improved the roads that were usually quite as bad as those of Scotland, "before they were made." As neighbors in the early twenties often lived ten miles apart visits were infrequent, and during the dreary winters not a few of the hardy pioneers went mad from sheer loneliness. Add to this desolation was added a suffocating feeling, of being buried alive. The dark forests rose on every side and travel where they might the pioneers could find no relief from the inclosing walls. For almost 100 miles in every direction there was no elevation sufficiently great to overlook the forest and gladden the eye with a view that would give the imagination the sense of freedom he craved. What wonder that in such a situation the pioneers were sometimes known to climb the loftiest trees at the risk of their lives so as to gain a wider prospect such as they were accustomed to in the civilized and pleasingly diversified countries from which they came.

But this distressing state of affairs is now a thing of the past. Instead of the isolation that tortured the pioneers there is now a density of overcrowding, instead of monotony there is overstock variety, where lumbering mapmakers toiled once a week over corduroy railroad trains pass every hour, and a Canadian winter is now a season of leisure and enjoyment.

The village of Kamaka, where Preston kept store and was the postmaster from 1820 to 1830, was one of the dreariest spots on the continent during the long winters that then prevailed. It was deep in that forest that gave a name to the Longwoods district, and the settlers who patronized the store, blacksmith and inevitable tavern were scattered over a large territory. In such a place, where company, many was necessary, it was but natural that a man who had been greatly frustrated could not find it, and during his first winter young Preston was often on the verge of despair. In his position as postmaster the poverty of the pioneers was brought home to him more keenly than in any other way. At that time the young colony was so misgoverned and every department of the public service was so scandalously conducted for the benefit of private individuals that the extortionate fees charged by officials frequently made letters cost from 5 to 7

"HOW DID YEH GET INTER THE WRASSLE WITH MELCHISEDEC?"

shillings when they reached the office at which they were to be delivered. Letters from home were naturally the greatest source of pleasure to these lonely people, yet many were so poor that it was impossible for them to pay their fees. Letters that were not redeemed were exposed in the window of the office, and it was no unusual sight to see some of the unfortunates to whom they were addressed gazing at them with hungry eyes. Sometimes they recognized the handwriting as that of a loved one beyond the sea, and then the disappointment was all the more bitter.

To escape from the thoughts and feelings provoked by such surroundings and social conditions the young postmaster often put on his skates and found relief in the exhilaration he derived from skimming through the forest along the glassy streams, just as a business man of the present time escapes from his cares by retreating to his yacht and sailing over the water under full sail. On one of these occasions about the middle of February of a forgotten year he plunged farther into the wilderness than ever before, attempting to trace a frozen creek to its source, and about noon suddenly emerged into a little clearing of whose existence he had not previously been aware. Knowing the hospitality of the pioneers, he decided to visit the little log hut that stood on the edge of the clearing and get his dinner before returning to his office.

After unstrapping his skates he started toward the home, from the stone chimney of which a cheerful smoke was ascending. He had proceeded but a few steps when he was confronted by an aggressive apparition that startled him into headlong activity. Just in time to escape a gnarled and twisted pair of horns, he sprang nimbly to the top of a stump. Beneath him stood the strangest creature he had ever seen. The head and horns were those of a sheep, but instead of a woolly fleece the animal wore a kind of overcoat made of hempen canvas sewed roughly with cords of basswood bark. A careful examination convinced him that his assailant was the remarkable leader of a small flock of sheep, though he could by no means guess the meaning of his masquerading appearance. Having satisfied himself that the creature was not supernatural, he jumped down from the stump intending to proceed to the house, but before he had taken five steps he was sent headlong into a snowdrift. He was blinded and

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half smothered by the dry snow, and as he partly rose to his feet, spluttering and clawing, he was bowled over again by his aggressive enemy.

Now Preston had heard in his youth that when attacked by a butting ram one should lie still and wait for the brute to go away. He decided to try the plan, but he made the mistake of his life. He had barely fastened himself out on the ground when the ram landed on the small of his back with the force of a pile driver. The ram seemed inclined to use him as the circus clowns do the cushion on which they turn somersaults, and he quickly realized that though such a scheme might have been all right with a bellwether reared in the lap of luxury, it was a complete failure with this crook nosed, cross grained old wretch who had taken to wearing a burlap overcoat and make part of horns that would have been a dilemma. As soon as Preston recovered his breath he uttered a yell that caused the echoes for miles and grappled with his assailant. He caught him by the horns and together they rolled through the drifts, collided with stumps and sent the snow flying in clouds, while Preston's yells mingled with the frightened bleatings of the ram. The uproar brought the farmer on the scene, and with a few well directed kicks he made the ram lose interest in the battle and return to his neglected flock, with his coat trailing after him. The farmer helped Preston to his feet and inquired:

"How did yeh get latch the wrassle with Melchisedec?"

"Beelzebub, you mean, don't you? I was coming up to your house when the freak hunted me."

"Well, yah mustn't be too hard on him, if yeh ain't hurt. Yeh ain't, are yeh?"

"No."

"Yeh see, he's had a lot to try his speerit this winter. Compered to the sheep he is, but it ain't by a thern ram, and I kinder this overcoat ain't exactly to his likin. But 'scuse me for talkin' so much before wishin yeh a merry Christmas."

"A what?" asked Preston as he looked at the farmer with an air of bewilderment.

"A merry Christmas."

"Nonsense, man. This is almost the end of February. Christmas was over two months ago."

"Not by a long shot it ain't. Today is Christmas, I tell yeh. Yeh must have got twisted when havin it out with Melchisedec. He didn't hit yoh on the head, did he?"

"Now, see here, what sort of nonsense is this you are talking about Christmas?" asked Preston, with the air of a man who was ready to get angry.

"None at all. Yeh must come to the house and have Christmas dinner with us, and maybe that'll convince yeh."

Preston did what he could to remove from his clothing the effects of the encounter with Melchisedec, followed the farmer to his home, and was ushered into Ontario hospitality. The man who was at home with nature and had a way of making the best of the rougher side of life. His wife was a woman who was in every way in accord with him, and when Preston was ushered into the one room of the house and turned his greeting of the host she received him cheerfully, but still frankly.

"This is the new postmaster, Jane," the farmer had said by way of introduction, "and old Melchisedec went at him as if he'd been keepin back a registered letter, and do yeh know," he added, with a wink that required fully half of his whiskered face to execute, "he didn't know that today was Christmas until I told him."

The woman looked at her husband knowingly and, understanding the meaning of his wink, she chimed in:

"That is funny, but I don't suppose he'll object to havin his Christmas dinner with us just the same."

"Well," replied Preston, looking hungrily at a huge wild turkey that was browning in a heavy iron pan on the coals before the roasting fireplace, "you may be poking fun at me, but that old gobbler is to joke, and he smells appetizing."

The bill of fare, though brief, was of a kind to satisfy an appetite sharpened by vigorous exercise in the open air. The savory turkey was stuffed with chestnuts, and there was a large wooden dish full of steaming potatoes that had been saved for the occasion. These, with fresh scones of johnny cake, completed the homely banquet.

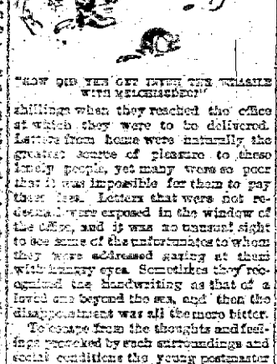
While they were at the table there was a sudden stir in the pieces of blanket that covered a large sap trough in the corner, and the querulous cry of a baby was heard. The mother hastened to take her child from its primitive cradle, and while she was hushing him the father explained to the guest:

"That's the little man that got Melchisedec into trouble and made us postpone Christmas."

"But I don't understand how," said Preston.

"Well," replied his host half humorously, half defiantly, "hardworkin folks like us never have time for Christmas, but when this little fellow came along it didn't seem just right that he shouldn't have one. But things wasn't ready just in time. Yeh know yourself there couldn't be no Christmas without baby havin socks to be hung up, so we had to shear old Melchisedec to get wool, and as the socks didn't get made till this week we just naturally had to postpone Christmas until we were ready for it."

Preston entered into the spirit of the occasion and added a handful of pennies to the little doll and string of glass beads that Santa Claus had left in the stiff little pair of stockings, and the shadows were long before he passed the guard of Melchisedec and returned to his lonely office.



"WHAT'S THE LITTLE MAN THAT GOT MELCHISEDEC INTO TROUBLE."

Pathetic Scene.

The minstrel man lay dying. He called his eldest son to his bedside and said:

"My boy, I cannot leave you any money; I have spent that as fast as I made it. But you shall inherit the heirloom that I received from my father. It will make you a living; it made his and it made mine."

Then, laying in the hand of the young man the worn and stained joke book, he breathed his last.—Indianapolis Journal.

He Knew How.

"Paddy, do you know how to drive?" said a traveler to the owner of a jaunting car.

"Sure I do," was the answer. "Wasn't it I upset yer house in a ditch two years ago?"—London Tit-Bits.

The Christmas Spirit.

"Peace on earth, eh?" growled old Crusty to his wife the day after Christmas. "Peace on earth, eh? And you bought that boy a drum!"

Santa Claus Was In It.

"Those Americans down there," said Santa Claus, as he sat on the top side of an iceberg and waited for Christmas eve, "seem to think I'm not up to date. Now I wonder," he murmured as he went in and rang up his polar stables, "what they'd think if they saw me at it just at present?" Then he pressed a button in the side of the iceberg and said: "Grizzly, run out that new deerless motor sleigh of mine, while I load her up. And look here, Grizzly, the next time you take out that new electric airship of mine and break it just when I want to use it, I won't let you play in that toy orchard of mine for a whole year!"

"Up to date, eh!" said Santa as he jumped into his motor and pulled on the reins. "Well, just watch me while I mote!"

Great Shooters of Europe.

In Europe, where the question of a game supply does not enter into consideration, killing for count is recognized as legitimate and sport sacrifice. He is considered to have made a record of honor who has logged the largest numbers of birds or other game. This we read of one Trauttmansdorff — Prince Carl Trauttmansdorff—who lies to his credit for a single day's shooting the slaughter of 862 head of game, with the first log of pheasants, 393; of partridges, 612; of hares, 416; of rabbits, 638; of roebuck, 12; of fallow deer, 20, and of blackcock, 14, and a best year's count of 10,833 head of assorted game. Another record smasher is Earl de Gray, whose exploits have been duly tabulated for a series of years, from 1867 to 1895. His pheasants score was 111,119, with 89,401 partridges, 47,468 grouse, 26,747 rabbits, and as many hares, 2,775 snipe, 2,077 woodcock, 1,893 wild duck, 567 deer, 12 buffalo, 11 tigers, a couple of rhinoceroses, and 9,000 assorted, making a total of 316,699 for the entire period, or about 11,000 annually. This is a record which the most industrious market shooter in this country would needs work hard to equal. In very truth the noble sportsman must have been a mean amateur in the field. Yet for all his slaughter the game supply where he shot has not been permanently diminished.—Forest and Stream.

How Indians Swear Piously.

It is said that a certain tribe of Indians have a useful divinity which they call a swearing god. It is very small, equally ugly and even more convenient. It generally stands on a pedestal or is nailed to the wall of the living room, and the use of the picturesque language in its presence is accounted not a sin, but a pious duty.

Thus if an Indian bruises his finger, or his coyuse steps into a prairie dog's hole and wickedly breaks his leg, he confides himself to general remarks on the weather until he reaches home and sees again the comforting face of the grinning devil. Then he becomes suddenly possessed of the eloquence of a mule driver, and the things that he says would make any ordinary effigy shrivel up with horror, but the swearing god is used to it.

After all, so called civilized beings are not so far beyond the Indian. When we get angry at a man we burn him in effigy, or hang up a doll whose distorted features convey our impression of his unworth, and throw stones at it.—New York World.

Negro Development.

Medical researches show that in a general way white children exhibit more diversity in their measurements and the negro more uniformity, this becoming even more marked with age. Thus, the negro children are taller at the same age than the whites, but there are no marked differences up to the age of about 14. The size of the head is somewhat smaller in the negro, teeth are stronger and healthier and more regular, and the cutting period more strongly defined. There is a decided negro ear, which is smaller and has a drooping upper lobe, often with an angle. The negro body is less fat and has relatively more muscular development in both sexes. The arm spread is greater and hands and feet both average longer. The thighs are more prominent in the middle, and the legs are smaller.—New York Tribune.

They Destroy His Works.

In China the faith in heredity is so strong that when a "habitual criminal" is captured they not only cut him into small pieces, but put all his sons and grandsons to death. The Celestials evidently believe that faith without works is dead.—Boston Globe.

In Manitoba you can turn a furrow 100 miles long and not encounter a stone as large as your fist. The earth, for a distance down from three to five feet, is a rich, black loam, made by centuries and centuries of decaying vegetation.

CHRISTMAS IN CHINA.

INTERESTING HOLIDAY CUSTOMS IN THE FAR EAST.

Festivities Over the Return of the Sun That Somewhat Resemble the Festivities of Christian Lands—The Angel of Light.

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SOME of the festivities popular at Christmas time are of great antiquity. The feast of Yule was held long before the time of King Solomon. To our Gotho-Germanic ancestors living in the north of Europe it was the festival of the winter solstice, when the days begin to lengthen and to hint at coming spring. The Yule log, the drinking bowl or horn, the boar's head, the holly, mistletoe and evergreen were then symbols of material rather than spiritual truths.

The American, Scandinavian, German and Englishman keep up the ancient custom, while the Latin races seem to know nothing about it. They celebrate New Year's day, and do it in the same fashion as we at Christmas.

The Chinese and Japanese came centuries ago from Mongolia and Siberia, their early if not original home. Living in a land whose winter brought snow and ice, they also noticed and rejoiced over the solstice and the return of the sun. Their merriment took the form of eating, drinking and generous hospitality and developed into a great festival like our own. By degrees it was transferred to their New Year's, where it still remains.

Yet even today the astrologers notice the solstice in their almanacs, horoscopes and tables, and in the last week of the month are two festivals, whose nature is charmingly poetic. About Dec. 25 is that of the genius of the north (who is the evil spirit of ice and winter's privation) and about Dec. 29 is that of the angel of sunlight. In the same week is the day of Chang Sin, the tutelary deity of parenthood, to whom young married couples pray for healthy male issue. The first and second are the equivalents of Yule, the pre-Christian Yule. The first contains an element of humor. The Mongolian is gladly bidding goodby to the cruel ice spirit. He does not wish the latter to see his bitterly last spiritual vengeance to be aroused and a cold spell in March or April ruin the crops. So he puts little cups of fragrant tea, plates of sliced boiled chicken and pieces of roasted spiced pork on a well carved table where the winter ghost can regale himself with comfort. But at the same time, to prevent his invisible visitor playing any pranks, John Chinaman pastes written talismans on the wall, burns joss sticks in groups of three at every point vulnerable to malicious goblins and even fastens a porcelain charm to his rooftree.

When it comes to the festival of the angel of light, the observant traveler can see the spirit of Yule shine out in Chinese colors. In place of the Yule log, there is a steaming pot of tea; for the boar's head there is a young pig roasted; for the punch bowl and drinking horn there is a wicker covered bottle or a graceful wine pitcher filled with some strange but aromatic stimulant. The mistletoe and holly are replaced by bouquets and garlands of artificial flowers, and there are pots of blooming narcissi or even a rosebush.

On the family altar, and nearly every Chinaman, no matter how poor, has his own altar, before which he prays and makes silent repentance, are burning lucence sticks, a bronze casket with smoldering sandalwood within, a lighted candle and often a flaming votive candle, gay in scarlet and gold. At the temple a throng visits the angel's particular shrine. Some explode firecrackers in her honor. Others ignite packs of joss sticks in gratitude for her favors the past year and in hope of their continuance during the harvest to come. Then come those who ask the angel to be present at the funeral of a parent or child, the marriage of a son, the setting out on a journey, the bedside of a sick room. After prayer the poor priests and servitors of the temple are remembered in a few small coins. A bundle of prayer papers is burned in the great iron or bronze urn of the temple stairs, and the religious ceremony is over for the day. The good man or woman goes home content that the spirit of the north is disarmed and the angel of light placated.

WILLIAM E. S. FLECK.

A Noble Critic.

When Pope was first introduced to Lord Halifax, to read his "Iliad," the noble critic generously criticised this passage and that word at frequent intervals. The poet was stung with vexation, for the parts that most pleased him were the ones most criticised. As he returned home with Sir Samuel Garth, he revealed his displeasure.

"Oh," said Garth, "you are not acquainted with his lordship; he must criticise. At the next visit, read him the same passages and tell him you recollected his criticisms." Pope made use of this stratagem. Lord Halifax was delighted and exclaimed, "Pope, they are now intimitable!"

Not Disputing.

In one of Miss Mulock's stories she says that "a cheerful heart seeth cheerful things," and gives this incident in proof of it:

A lady and gentleman were in a lumber yard situated by a dirty, foul smelling river. The lady said, "How good the pine boards smell!"

"Pine boards!" exclaimed the gentleman. "Just smell that foul river."

"No, thank you," was the reply, "I prefer to smell the pine boards."

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Christmas gift!
Your youthful look has grown pensive.
He hails your coming with delight
And soon his heart is more than the right—
Christmas gift!
Your daughter plays the tunes you like.
Refrains from bloomers on her bike.
For opera tickets chooses for the Christmas gift!
Now Jamboree are selling chairs.
Politely she'll some touch their cups
And offers boys her piece of cake—
Christmas gift!
But pater knows their little game.
This time each year 'tis just the same.
It makes him mutter low,
"Gosh blame,
Christmas gifts!"

Christmas in Oxford.

England, the land of the mediæval Yuletide festivities, is the home of many strange and interesting Christmas traditions. This is especially true of the town of Oxford, the place where Shakespeare and his company of fellow actors were wont to hold down the boards at Christmastide three centuries ago. The day of the strolling player has passed away, but the old time Christmas choral singers still go through the streets of Oxford singing from door to door their quaint old fashioned songs.

A strange old custom is kept up at Queen's college, Oxford, where each Christmas day a huge boar's head is carried into the big old dining hall, followed by the choir boys singing a Latin hymn of thanksgiving. The source with which the head is dressed are afterward distributed among the guests present at the festival, and the head itself is given to the poor of Oxford town. The peculiar part of the ceremony, which has been held without a break for several centuries, is that the boar's head always appears with a New Testament in its mouth. Tradition explains this as follows: During the sixteenth century a pious fellow of Queen's college was walking on Shotover hill, just outside of Oxford, commendably engaged in reading and study ing the New Testament as he strolled along. He was suddenly attacked by a wild boar and only saved his life by thrusting the New Testament he held in his hand down the throat of the fierce animal, which, when subdued, was conveyed to the college in triumph.

An Eye For the Near Future.

A woman summoned to see her dying husband who had met with a street accident showed every sign of grief. She threw herself on the floor and howled at the top of her voice as the room died. Three days afterward she arrived in the ward arrayed in the deepest widow's weeds.

"Please, I've come for poor Walter's clothes. The Lord took 'im, but I 'ope, please God, as I'll find another."—Cornhill Magazine.

Unveiling the Past.

"I wish now," shrieked the angry young wife, "I wish now, George Whickster, you had married Lucy Jones instead of me! That's what I wish!"

"I would have married her," howled the equally angry young husband, "only she wouldn't have me and you would!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Name California.

The name California, derived from the two Spanish words calicute formal, i. e., "hot furnace," was given by Cortes in the year 1535 to the peninsula now known as Lower California, of which he was the discoverer, on account of its hot climate.

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Congress adjourned Wednesday to meet again on January 4th.

Congress ought not to delay in doing something to increase our merchant marine. American ships ought in all reason to transport American products.

Uncle Sam continues to grow. Russia is now negotiating a loan from American capitalists. This is something new and shows what marvelous strides this country of ours is taking.

A new gold field is being developed at Rat Portage western Ontario, Canada, which is claimed to be almost equal to the Klondyke lods which created so much excitement some years ago.

"Integrity and industry are the best possessions that any man can have, and every man can have them. Nobody can give them to him nor take them from him." The President puts a truth in a form likely to be remembered.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Gen. W. J. Bryan has found a new issue to harp about now. Having discovered the fallacy of the free silver doctrine he will now wage war upon trusts, forgetting the fact that the free silver trust of 1896, consisting of $623,000,000, attempted to elect him president.

One of the smallest public officials in Pennsylvania is Sheriff Walker of Forest county, who does not have a single prisoner under his care in the jail at Tionesta. That old bastile might be utilized as a haven of rest for the "tramps" that swarm in Adams, Franklin and other counties.—Philadelphia Press.

President McKinley's visit to the southern States will accomplish more to obliterate sectionalism than anything that has ever been done for that purpose. His broad and liberal views have opened the eyes of the southern people to the fact that our able president only seeks their good and future advancement.

Elliot made but honorable and capable men for supervisors. Do not elect a man to this office simply because he has been a wire puller or a political leader. Good roads is one of the most important questions before the people of the country to-day, and it is time that the old style of repairing roads is abandoned and one more permanent and lasting adopted.

The jury in the case against U. S. Senator Richard R. Kenney of Delaware on the charges of complicity with defaulting Paying Teller William Byrne of the Dover National Bank failed to agree last Monday after being out three days. They stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. This was the second trial, and it is doubtful if the case is ever brought up for trial again.

When the caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature shall have been assembled, and before proceeding to business, the clerk of the caucus should read to the assembled District Attorney Graham's specific accusations against Senator Quay, not in order to defeat Mr. Quay for renomination, but in order that no man should act under a misapprehension, and thus unwittingly betray the trust reposed in him by a confiding constituency.—Philadelphia Record.

Candidates for the different county offices are bobbing up in different localities. There will be at least three for sheriff—Clark and Chadwick of this place and Mr. Sprague of Bixford. The weeds are full of prothonotary timber all anxious to have lightning come their way. Candidates for county commissioners are coming up everywhere and a hot fight is promised, as all the candidates are very capable men. So far as known there are no candidates for county auditor.

December is adding a surprising close to the most surprising year of American history. November had surpassed all other months of the century in volume of business and production, and those for December in doing even better, in "payments through clearing houses, in railroad earnings, in foreign trade, in output of pig iron, and in activity and strength of securities. But that is saying a great deal, for in all these and other tests November was far the best month of American financial history.—Dun's.

Governor-elect Wm. A. Stone stands to-day at the dividing of two roads. If he selects the proper one and follows it honestly and conscientiously he will win the lasting gratitude and respect of the people of Pennsylvania regardless of political views. If he enters to bounce and blind leaders he will discover very quickly that he has taken the wrong road. The last election demonstrated one thing very forcibly and that was, while the people had no fault to find with Mr. Stone, they did not admire many of the modes in vogue in Pennsylvania politics. Mr. Stone is well aware of the fact that the Republican party of Pennsylvania is not in a mood at the present time, to tolerate any monkey business. They expect the governor elect to select for his cabinet men of undoubted honor and integrity. There are many such in the State—men who are not bound to any faction or bosses who will discharge their duties honorably regardless of the dictates of any one. If Governor Stone will surround himself with such a family of advisers he will more fully establish himself in the confidence of the people at large, and have a term of office of which he can justly feel proud.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1898.

Senator Platt of Conn. never speaks unless he has something to say. Consequently he always gets the attention of his colleagues when he speaks, although he is not an orator in the general acceptance of the term. His strong point is facts, and he brought out an unusual lot of them when he proceeded to demolish the thing set up by Senator Vest in the name of an argument in favor of his resolution, declaring that this government had no constitutional right to acquire territory except with the intention of admitting it to the Union as a State. Mr. Platt made it as plain as A, B, C that this government had a clear right to acquire territory to be disposed of in any manner it might see fit, and clinched it by showing that it had almost from the beginning of the government exercised this right without question.

Republicans in Congress are delighted with President McKinley's triumphant tour of the South, and enthusiastically endorse everything he said about expansion and the government caring for the Confederate dead. The enthusiasm with which the President's straight from-the-shoulder expansion talk was received in the South was a pointer for some of the Democratic anti expansionists that is being carefully studied.

Mr. Bryan was not altogether satisfied with the results of his trip to Washington. He did not find the Democratic response to his anti-expansion key-note all that he expected it would be. On the contrary, he was plainly told by a number of Democratic Senators and Representatives that they could not endorse his position, and that their constituents would not. If he had it to do over again, there is very little doubt that Mr. Bryan would be less emphatic in expressing himself, there is nothing left for him to do but to stand by what he said, and take the consequences.

Strange as it may seem, there are Senators and Representatives—none of them Republicans—who oppose the bill to increase the regular army to 100,000 men and to otherwise put it upon a modern basis. Some of these men were very loud in their complaints because the organization of the army at the beginning of the war with Spain, was so inadequate to the occasion that there was unavoidable delay in getting the army into fighting condition. Now they want to perpetuate the old and inadequate organization, forgetting the advice of Washington—"In time of peace prepare for war." Fortunately for the country, these obstructionists are in the minority; their opposition may delay an increase of the army, but it cannot prevent it.

Congress will this week adjourn for the customary Christmas recess of two weeks. No time will really be lost by the recess, as all of the important committees will work right through it. The Anglo-American Commission has taken a recess until Jan. 5. The work of the commission has not been progressing very rapidly of late and it is now practically certain that if there is a treaty at all, it will not include commercial reciprocity.

Hon. David J. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, delivered an interesting address on the "expansion of civilization" at a banquet. Referring to the disposition in some quarters to harp on the word "imperialism", Mr. Hill said: "A malignant disposition could not have selected a worse word than *imperialism*. A better word, which expresses the true condition, is expansion. It is not a new one and the idea is not novel. It has existed since the inception of national growth. Civilization must go on until there in not one province, one island, one individual upon which its benign light does not fall." He answered those who argue that it would be a violation of the Constitution for us to set up a form of government over any people, without allowing them to choose its form as well as its officials, by saying: "Nations as well as individuals must pass through the period of minority. It was so with this nation. See how closely our forefathers guarded the right of franchise. All constitutional lawyers agree that the franchise is not a natural right, but a legal gift. The natural rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and I cannot believe that it is an evil for the stars and stripes to float over any people, and it is therefore our duty to extend the blessings of our civilization to all men capable of receiving them."

The Senate Committee on foreign relations and the House Committee on territories are both at work upon bills providing a government for Hawaii, and present expectation is that the bills will be reported early in January.

Judge T. G. Bonseley of Fayetteville, Ga., is a representative intelligent Southerner. He is now visiting Washington, and among other interesting things said: "President McKinley has made himself so solid in the South, especially in Georgia and Alabama, that in the event of his renomination in 1900, he will get thousands of Democratic votes in those States. His broad gauged sentiments and generosity have captured our people."

CANNOT LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

Senator Butler, Populist of North Carolina, in the United States Senate on Wednesday tried to upset all the good that President McKinley had been able to perform on his trip South in his efforts to eliminate sectional feeling. Senator Butler will introduce the following amendment to the pension appropriation bill:

"That from and after the passage of this bill every pension law now on the statute books shall apply to every invalid soldier, widow, minor child, dependent relative, the army nurses and all other pensioners who may be able to prove their claim under the present pension laws without regard to whether said soldier was enlisted in the Federal or Confederate service of the civil war of 1861-5; provided, that those enlisted in the Confederate service shall not draw any back pensions prior to the passage of this bill, but their claim under existing laws will begin and become operative with the passage of this bill."

While the people of the North may be perfectly willing to care for and decorate the graves of men who fought on the side of the South from 1861-5, it is carrying matters too far to ask the government to grant pensions to soldiers who performed such heroic deeds to sever the nation. This only verifies the old saying, "give an inch and he will take an ell."

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Large bottles 50c and $1 00.

Under existing circumstances no Republican Assemblyman or State Senator can conscientiously vote for M. S. Quay for United State Senator.

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WHITE AND BLACK; RED AND GRAY.

The tour of McKinley in the South has comprised one series of ovations which have more than a personal or official significance. The meeting at Atlanta will long live as marking in a most decisive way the death of secessionalism. Not less important was the meeting at Tuskegee Institute, where the colored principal, Booker T. Washington, a former slave introduced to the audience Governor Johnson, of Alabama, a Confederate veteran, who in turn introduced the President and General Joe Wheeler to an audience that consisted very largely of colored people.

It is noteworthy that Booker Washington has set out to elevate the colored race, not by politics, and not merely by education. He is trying to make the colored people producers, and has had success far beyond what was expected. All the buildings of the Institute were built by the students. He is striving to make them good mechanics and farmers. His theory is that the blacksmith in the neighborhood will be patronized, whatever his color. He is striving to make his race leave politics alone until they win the recognition of the whites by their achievements. He holds farmers' institutes all over the South, and it is the testimony of the leading men of the South that he is doing more than any dozen men to settle the race question in the only way it can be settled.

A few years ago a ragged boy, who did not even have a name, walked several hundred miles to Hampton Institute to get an education. He had been raised on a plantation owned by one Booker, and as he had to give himself a name, he took that of his former master and added to it that of the Father of His Country. Could any one have imagined that this ragged boy would in a few years receive as his guests the President of the United States, the Governor of his State and General Wheeler? Such things happen only in the United States, and they are to show how problems are solved that sometimes alarm the wise and the prudent. This country need have no fears of the future.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A SCORCHING REJOINDER.

The answer of District Attorney Graham to the petition of M. S. Quay, Benjamin J. Haywood and R. R. Quay to the Supreme Court for a rule to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not issue to the Court of Quarter Sessions in Philadelphia is a straightforward denial of all the material allegations of the petitioners. Mr. Graham is at pains to show that the defendants were treated with the utmost fairness and levity by the Courts in the proceedings as far as carried forward. He shows that the petitioners have abused, by false statements, the confidence of the Supreme Court Justices who granted a stay of proceedings. He even goes so far as to deny the jurisdiction of the Court, and to assail the extraordinary ex parte proceedings which the defendants, while professing to desire a speedy trial, succeeded in interrupting "the regular and orderly progress of the administration of justice in the lower Court."

The district attorney disavows any personal feeling, he having done what he did in the performance of duty, and without suggestion from others. If there be an appearance of temper in the answer it is more than justified by the context. Grant that Mr. Graham's allegations are true; there has seldom been a more flagrant abuse of the judicial authority than he has laid bare to the public eye. Grant that he has, as alleged, the written proofs of dishonest transactions in his hands; no wonder the most desperate means were adopted to baffle the course of justice!—Philadelphia Record.

Brother Lilleridge of the Reporter dealt the surcharges of the county auditors some sledge-hammer blows last Saturday. And he only voices the sentiment of a large majority of the voters of McKean county in his declarations. The Miner gave its views on the case at the time of the trial, Judge Morrison gave his opinion in accordance with the Act of Assembly, but to a man up a tree it still looks as though when the Act of Assembly says traveling expenses it means board and lodging also. If a county commissioner in the discharge of his duties is compelled to go away from home unless he hunts up a second rate boarding house in which to eat and sleep he will be compelled to expend almost as much as he receives per day. It does not seem possible that the legislature of the State meant to have the Act so construed. But under the new construction of the Act McKean county will be compelled to pay the fiddler to the tune of several thousand dollars.

The Williamsport Sun: "Owners of timber lands will be interested to know that the last Legislature passed a law that provides that the owners of land having on it forest or timber trees of not less than 50 trees to the acre shall be entitled to receive annually from the commissioners of their respective counties during the period that the said trees are maintained in sound condition upon the land a sum equal to 80 per centum of all the taxes annually assessed and paid upon said land, or so much of 80 per centum as shall not exceed the sum of 45 cents per acre. No one property owner shall be entitled to receive said abatement on more than 50 acres, and proof must be made that each of said trees measures at least eight inches in diameter at a height of six feet above the surface of the ground, and that no portion of said land is absolutely cleared of said trees.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be disordered, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store 50 cents per bottle.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Kushequa, Pa., Dec. 19, '98.

To the Editor:—

Kindly allow us space in the columns of the Miner to make the following statement in answer to an article which appeared in the Kane Republican of Dec. 14th and in the Miner of Dec. 16th, in which Col. Rogers says the county auditors were in the neighborhood of two months and a half doing work which ought not to have taken over thirty days. He also says each one of those three auditors drew from the county treasury a hundred dollars more than they earned. Be that as it may there are others we might mention to whom a hundred dollars taken and not earned would be a small amount.

The most time put in by any of the county auditors for 1897 was fifty days. The number of days they got paid for was forty. That is $120.00 each aside from the mileage. A few years ago the auditors were allowed a clerk which somewhat shortened the time but increased the expense. Now the commissioners will not pay for a clerk for the auditors.

A few years ago the commissioners did their work in from fifty to a hundred days with the help of one clerk. Now it takes them from two hundred and seventy-five to three hundred days with the help of one to three clerks.

It is such officials as Col. Rogers has been that makes it necessary for the auditors to take more time than a few years ago.

Very respectfully,
C. W. Freeman,
J. C. Cannon, Jr.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

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Men's all wool underwear to-day $1.69 suit.

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Lancaster apron gingham, 5c yd

Light outing flannel, 3c yd.

Arbuckle coffee, ground or unground, 10c lb.

Fancy table syrup in quart cans, 10c can.

Just received fresh stock of American soups, all kinds, price only 10c can.

8 bars Oak Leaf soap for 25c.

10 lbs oat flake (nice and fresh) for 25c.

Gilt Edge Soda, per lb 6c.

3 oz bottle vanilla extract, special, 15c bottle.

4-lb package Gold Star Washing powder, 13c pkg.

F. S. flour, new process, way down to-day, $1.20 sack.

Remember our fine line of Toilet Articles and perfumes.

Some uncolored Japan tea, same old price, 50c lb.

Combination Java coffee to-day 28c lb.

J. Colegrove,
108 EAST MAIN STREET.

Rooney's is the Place

to buy a nice, sweet piece of

Fresh, Salt or Smoked

MEAT

whether it be a full quarter or a small steak. And for

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ACME MILL,
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MY STOCK IS FRESH AND CONSISTS OF:

Flour, Feed, Meal, Wheat, Corn Oats, Hay, Straw, Bran, Middlings, Hominy, Linseed Meal, Etc.

Goods Delivered Promptly.

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Is now ready for business and prepared to fill all orders for Marble and Granite work, Cemetery fencing, Etc., Etc.

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Cut Flowers for Weddings, Parties and Funerals.

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Imported China for Christmas Gifts At Mason's Hardware

We have a great many other articles suitable for Christmas Gifts but no one can display articles to compare with our China

F. A. Mason,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of J. M. Swanson for the benefit of creditors. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pennsylvania. No. 121, October Term, 1898.

To All Parties Concerned:

Take notice that C. V. Gillis, assignee of J. M. Swanson, has filed his final account of trust as such assignee and the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas, for allowance, at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport, Pa., on Tuesday, January 3rd, A. D. 1899, and the same will then be allowed and confirmed absolutely unless cause be shown why the same should not be allowed.

Geo. W. Mitchell,
Prothonotary.

Smethport, Pa., December 15, 1898.—51-3.

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TRUNKS
TRAVELING BAGS
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The best in town at prices that are as low as good articles can be sold for. You can get the best goods in this line where a specialty is made of this stock and you have a variety to select from.

Chas. Lemmler,
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W. F. SPECHT,
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In good, reliable companies

HOT SODA. All Popular Flavors,

Canned Goods,
Fresh Candy,
Fresh Bread
AT

Brasted's

Our Low Prices Attract Trade.

WE ARE PREPARED

For a big Holiday Trade, showing you four times the assortment of others and better goods for same money.

CHAIRS.

The stock of Plain and Fancy Rockers at $1.00, $1.50 and up to $6.00 is a wonder. Special values at $2.50 and $3.00.

A big line of Morris Chairs at $5.00, $6.50, $8.50 and $10.50. This is a popular reclining chair, can be adjusted to four different positions and is just the thing for a man. We have easy leather chairs, with or without rockers. Plush or Corduroy Rockers.

Big assortment of Children's Rockers and High Chairs.

Good value in Couches at $14, $15, $16 and $17. Cheaper ones at $9, but we advise a better one as they give much longer service.

White Carriage Robes for children at $3.50 to $5.00.

Fur floor rugs at $5. Large Moquette rugs, 27x63 inches, $1.98.

We place ten new styles of Chamber Suites on sale to-day at $13.50, $15 and $17. The greatest value at $25 ever shown, equal to any $35 suite on the market.

Rich line of Pictures at 10c, 19c, 39c, 75c. Special values at $2 to $5.

White easels for pictures at 60c, 90c, $1.25 and $1.50 large sizes.

Come in now, make your selections and we will hold goods and deliver at any time. Freight paid.

Large line ladies' desks in Mahogany or Golden Oak, special values at $5. White beds, brass trim, $2.98, $3.98 and $4.98. All brass beds at $16. Solid oak Sideboards, $12, $13, $15, $18 and at $25 a regular $30 board. Dining tables at $4.50 up to $25.

We pack and deliver all goods free. Our store will be open every evening until Christmas.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,
THE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
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Fancy Goods for Christmas

This Stock Includes

Stamped goods
Embroidery Materials
Pin cushions
Sofa pillows

and numerous fancy articles for Christmas.

All trimmed hats in stock will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly & Co.,
Reilly Block. Smethport, Pa.

THE PALACE PHARMACY,
DR. BURG CHADWICK, PROPR.,

Is Headquarters for Holiday Goods.

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Candies, Oranges, Nuts, Bon Bons, Etc.,

at prices as low as the lowest. Candies supplied for the Sunday school trade at lowest price.

E. C. Henry & Co.,
NASH BLOCK. SMETHPORT, PA.

McCoy's Drug Store,
I. O. O. F. BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

Coming Our Way

The Holiday Trade so far has exceeded our expectations—already we have had to disappoint some customers by saying, "All Gone"—but we are doing our best to have our orders duplicated in the city, for those goods that are going so fast.

Call and you will find what you want at

McCoy's Drug Store,
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Liberal Discounts given to people buying Holiday Goods for Sunday or Day School classes.

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS STORE AT BRADFORD.

Plenty of stores sell toys now—little assortments of every-day toys. This store carries all toys. The new toys are here—the novelties—the toys that please.

There is great satisfaction in selecting toys here. You will find the store full of new toys like these:—

Practical Toy Typewriter
Toy sewing Machine
Merry-Go-Round
Saw buck and Saw
The Telephone
Galvanic Battery
Ferris Wheel
Garden Swing.

Then we have a whole department of patriotic toys, such as every real boy wants this year.

Soldier Sets on Cards
Tin Soldiers
Toy Cannon
Air Guns
Ships
Sworps, Etc.

All the iron toys are here—tool chests 25c up—printing presses—magic lanterns—banks—engines—everything.

Dolls—more than a thousand,

Games—one hundred different kinds.

Toy Books—5c to 25c—myriads of them.

Practical Gifts—things that people keep—most people know that this store affords large savings in all such lines as these.

Sewing Machines—We sell the latest Demorest with every modern improvement for $19.50, cash.

China—A stock so large that we show 100 styles of Dinner Sets alone.

Silverware—None but quadruple plate or sterling. No prices can compare with ours on such ware but worthless, temporary ware is not sold here.

Lamps—All the novelties, including the new encrusted lamps.

Jewelry—Diamonds—Watches—Clocks—Cut Glass—Silk Umbrellas—Fine Pottery—Art Wares, Etc. The finest stock in this vicinity.

HORSE BLANKETS.

A single good horse blanket may warrant a trip to Bradford. The saving we make you will be a quarter the price, perhaps. The satisfaction of buying from people who know what good horse blankets are is even a better feature. We have all styles that are worth having, and any price that you want.

Burlington, and all other good stable blankets.

EMERY & WEAVER,
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There is No Question

A BOUT WHERE TO GO to purchase all kinds of

HOLIDAY GOODS

after you have stepped into our large, general store.

During our trip East arrangements were made for supplying all Holiday demands.

We are prepared to meet Santa Claus and compare stock with him. We feel assured that this stock will please both old and young.

Come and be surprised at the large assortment and extremely low prices.

Here you can also find a fine line of groceries for the Holiday trade.

D. C. YOUNG,
SMETHPORT, PENNA.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Taking time by the forelock we give our friends the opportunity to select their Christmas Gifts now and thus avoid the rush and disappointment or slim stocks of a few weeks later.

Our assortment speaks eloquently for itself.

We emphasize

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F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.

Take a Good Look at Yourself.

The best way to get a GOOD look is to come to my studio and get a photograph taken. The fine effects and finish of Picture pictures are sure to please you. "Come early and avoid the rush."

Entertain Your Friends

with an Improved Graphophone. Cheapness combined with a high attitude of excellence makes them good sellers. For further information call on

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A BOX OF 25
AMERICAN GENTLEMAN CIGARS
make a neat Xmas gift. No gentleman will refuse it, and your dealer has them in stock. Don't forget this, and insist on having the genuine article.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Merry Christmas.

—May you all enjoy it.

—Our fine sleighing is gone.

—Read the new Racket adv.

—Make preparations for a happy New Year.

—J. Colegrove advertises Saturday bargains for cash.

—Farmers, bring the whole family to the institute if possible.

—Do not forget the dates for the farmers' institute—December 29 and 30.

—Since the destruction of their church the Baptists are holding services in the base house.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stoneberg of Colegrove are entertaining a young son which arrived last Sunday.

—The MINER is in receipt of a very handsome calendar for 1899 issued by the Ridgway Advocate.

—J. C. Greenewald of Bradford is gracefully bowing to receive the mayoralty mantle of the city.

—The many friends of Paul Hamlin are pleased to see him out again after a long and serious illness.

—Andrew Reilly was quite ill last Sunday with heart disease, but Monday found him very much improved.

—Last Monday Lieut. Hobson was hissed by 367 women at Kansas City. There were a few old ladies that did not participate.

—The Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal church will hold Christmas exercises on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

—Make yourself doubly happy by remembering some poor little boy or girl who will be liable to be forgotten by Santa Claus.

—"Billy" Rider, one of the Camp Glass Company's blowers, is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at his home on Saturday last.

—Do not allow the yule-tide to pass without performing some act of kindness to some poor unfortunate. You will feel all the better for it.

—Note change in the advertisement of Mrs. E. E. Chambers & Co. on the first page. They offer an opportunity to all who wish to buy good shoes cheap.

—M. D. Shook is confined to the house with a sprained ankle. He has been troubled with a smashed finger for some time previous to this, but that is better.

—Lost: A lady's fancy belt between the Palace Pharmacy and the Wright House Sunday night. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to the Palace Pharmacy.

—A company capitalized at $5,000,000, composed of German and New York capitalists, has been organized and will soon erect an immense steel plant on the Delaware river.

—Bradford is well supplied with mayoralty timber There are quite a number of gentlemen, both Republican and Democrat, who are hoping that lightning will come their way.

—Rev. H. C. Woods, the recently appointed presiding elder of the Olean district, will hold the first quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at 7:30 this evening.

—Olean, you have been warned time and again. Mice and rats are the first symptoms. It is now too late—Port Allegany Reporter. Not necessarily. You know how it is yourself.

—The program of the farmers' institute, to be held at the court house Thursday and Friday, December 29 and 30, appears in another column. Read it and see what a treat is offered.

—Miss Helen McCoy will give a pupils' musical recital at St. Luke's chapel Monday evening next. A fine program has been arranged and a most interesting time is promised all who attend.

—There seems to be an epidemic of grip throughout the country. It is stated that there are over 3,000 cases in Philadelphia. And some doctors now claim that the disease is contagious.

—The government has given a large order to a Pittsburg firm for nine-foot, airtight coffins to be sent to Cuba and Porto Rico. These coffins will be used to bring home the fallen heroes of the late war.

—Elwood Gaskin received a letter last Tuesday stating that his cousin, John Gaskin formerly of this place, had died at Watertall, Prince William county, Va., on the 19th inst. The letter had been misent.

—Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilson lectured in the M. E. church last Sunday evening. Her topic, "The Safe Keeping of the Home," was ably handled by the speaker and highly appreciated by a large and attentive audience.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach next Sunday, Christmas, on the following topics: In the morning at 10:30, "The Birth and Mission of Jesus." In the evening at 7:30, A lecture sermon on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus."

—One very important question that will be brought up for discussion at the farmers' institute will be the advantage of using wide-tired wagons. Farmers study up the question and be prepared to take part in the discussion.

—Austin's new opera house will soon be completed, and judging by the cut of the same in last week's Republican it will be a dandy. By the way, what has become of the gentlemen who were talking about erecting one here?

—William Kingston, an aged man who is somewhat demented, was taken to the county farm by Supt Ryan on Wednesday. He fiercely resisted the efforts of Mr. Ryan, but with the assistance of handcuffs he was finally subdued.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Dec. 17, 1898: Sister Ora Howard, Miss Bessie Rowley (2), E. L. Smith & Co., Mr. Arvidy Tornfalt. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Loyal Ward has announced himself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for mayor of Bradford. Mr. Ward served the city in that capacity once before, having been elected in February, 1890, and proved a most capable and dignified official.

—Mrs. Burg Chadwick has dressed and on exhibition at the Palace Pharmacy a doll in the native costume of Sweden which attracts considerable attention. While the dress in this country would be considered loud it is quite popular in Sweden.

—Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Orlo J. Hamlin of this place and Miss Mirabel Depew Folger, daughter of Mrs. Charles Worth Folger, of Geneva, N. Y., to take place at Trinity church, Geneva, Wednesday evening, January 4th, 1899, at 7 o'clock.

—The MINER earnestly hopes that every farmer who lives within a reasonable distance will attend the institute here Dec. 29th and 30th, and bring as many members of their families along as possible. A treat will be furnished that they cannot afford to miss.

—A meeting of the members and trustees of the Baptist church is called by L. Ramer, president of the board of trustees, for Monday, January 2, 1899, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the parsonage. A full attendance is desired as business of the utmost importance will be transacted.

—Girls, here is a tip from Mrs. Ada Cable, the able editress of the Bradford Sunday Herald, and if you fail hereafter it will certainly be your own fault: The girl that has to get under a mistletoe bough as a suggestion to a laggard lover, isn't up-to-date in her methods.

—Chas. Latham will please accept the thanks of the MINER for two fine photographs, one showing the large glass plant and the other the entire force employed there, in three groups. The features of every person in the groups are as clear as though the original stood before you.

—Dr. Hicks, the Kane optician, will not be here on December 27 and 28 as he has more important and pleasing duties to attend to. The doctor has decided to take a life companion. The MINER is unable to give the name of the bride to be, but tenders congratulations to the happy couple.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mrs. Sarah H. Day of this borough and Mr. Ole E. Goldhagen of Buffalo, N. Y. The Reporter extends congratulations.—Port Allegany Reporter. Here too, Will. The MINER hopes that Ole's second venture on the matrimonial sea may be doubly blessed.

—Two grandsons of President Polk have seats in the present Congress. They are R. K. Polk of Danville, Ky., and his cousin, James K. Polk of Ridgway, Pa —Philadelphia Press. It will undoubtedly be rather surprising for Hon. J. K. P. Hall of Ridgway to discover that he is the grandson of ex-President Polk.

—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Smethport Odd Fellows' Hall Ass'n held Wednesday evening the following directors were elected: H. W. Rubin, president, H. M. Choate, secretary, J. H. Tate, F. C. Olds, H. L. McCoy, Wm. Haskell and Geo. W. Mitchell. A dividend of 8 per cent. was declared on a capital stock of $5,000.

—The Rev. Father Watson, who had such large congregations at St. Luke's church during his two weeks' mission in September, 1894, will be in town on Tuesday, December 27—St. John's Day—and will preach at St. Luke's church that evening at 8 o'clock. The many friends of Father Watson will be glad to welcome him back to Smethport.

—The MINER received a very neat card Saturday announcing the marriage of E. L. Ryan to Miss Della Hicks, one of Kane's handsome teachers. The MINER man wondered last week what made Ned look so well pleased while attending court, but it is all explained now. They were wedded at Olean on Friday, Dec. 2, and will spend the holidays with Mr. T. H. Ryan at the county farm.

—News reached here Tuesday night that Chas. Paulson, Jr., who had started out from his home at Lantz that morning for a hunt, had been found dead in a boiler house on the Phoenix Oil Co.'s lease with a shotgun lying by his side and a ghastly wound in his stomach. No one seems to know how the accident occured, but it was evidently a case of accidental shooting. Coroner Sherman was called.

—F. C. Olds of Crosby was in town last Saturday, and a happier man would be hard to find. He stated to the MINER that formerly during the winter season there was a large number of idle men around Crosby, but since the chemical works at that place was an assured fact there was not an idle man there, and he is now advertising for a large force of men to cut wood. He also stated that Crosby would be a bustling town for years to come. This is most pleasing news. McKean county has evidently struck an era of prosperity.

—The MINER is pleased to note that at the first annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairy Union our esteemed townsman, A. B. Armstrong, was elected one of the vice presidents. Also that among the awards on 40-pound packages of creamery butter J. W. Waite, our creamery superintendent, received third prize, standing 94¾ out of a possible 98. Mr. Waite is reported to have been awarded a gold watch as a prize for highest score reached in use of Worcester salt. Mr. Waite was also awarded a gold medal for highest score made with Richardson's butter-color. Both the above gentlemen feel justly proud of their distinction.

—F. H. Chase, with a party of friends, was driving up from Kane last Sunday night and when on the highway just below town the off horse commenced to kick and got over the traces. The team finally broke loose from the sleigh and ran up town. The party was somewhat shaken up, but no serious injury resulted. The sleigh and harness sustained some damage and one horse was slightly injured.

—Yesterday morning A. J. Nohlquist who resides on the Smethport and Kane Carter's Siding, but who was at work on the Highland road, was accidentally killed while cutting down trees. Just how the accident occurred is not known at this writing. Deceased was a member of Kane Tent, No. 109, K. O. T. M., and carried an insurance of $1,000 in that organization. He was a single man.—Tuesday's Kane Republican.

—Last Monday afternoon Leon Hegarty met with a very painful accident and one that might have resulted seriously. He was engaged in filling the sulphuric acid bottle and in placing it on the shelf was not as careful as he should have been and seeing it was liable to fall he grabbed it with his left hand when some of the acid fell upon his hand burning it quite seriously. Some fell on his clothes and shoes. The shoes were ruined. While Mr. Hegarth is suffering considerable pain, he had a very fortunate escape.

—The killing of Klappenbach's bear yesterday morning was attended with ceremonies proper to so important an event. Quite a crowd watched with tender care the last sad hours of his young life draw to a close, while bruin was posed for life-like pictures to be labeled "before" and "after" death. The occasion was a solemn one and not a dry eye was seen (?) Requiescat in pace.—Port Allegany Reporter, Saturday. It was unfair taking advantage of "B ssuarck's" absence to slaughter the bear.

—A fatal fire occurred yesterday afternoon about a mile the other side of Hazel Hurst. Mrs. Harry Cheeseman left her two children aged respectively two and four years, alone in the house while she went to a neighbor's house some little distance away. During her absence the house in some manner caught fire and when she returned nothing but a heap of ruins remained. The oldest child succeeded in getting out, but the little two year-old was burned to death. The afflicted parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.—Kane Republican, Dec. 20.

—Will women make good school directors? is a question that is likely to be solved in the city of Reading during the coming year. Three of the best-known women in that thriving city will stand as candidates. The above clipping is from the Lock Haven Express and was republished by the Philadelphia Inquirer with comment. There is no question about their ability. Our borough has three most capable ladies as members of the school board. One of them is treasurer and one is secretary of the board. All three are assiduous and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

—Ed. Larson met with a very painful accident last Monday. He had been engaged in loading logs in Stickles' hollow and while walking behind a load of logs he noticed one of the binding chains dragging on the ground. He stepped up to the load and placing one hand on one of the logs stooped down to pick up the chain. Just then the teamster, who was standing upon the load, noticed that his pike-lever was liable to fall off and without noticing Ed. picked the lever up and stuck it into the log behind him, pinning Larson's hand to the log. The wound is quite painful, but Ed. bears it with heroic fortitude.

—The MCKEAN MINER is evidently not a believer in the open door policy now so popular throughout the country. It has ordered the telegraph and telephone companies to take their wires and instruments away from the county seat. Unsatisfactory service is the cause of the trouble.—Bradford Era. Well, what is wrong with that? As regards the telegraph matter, the night of the opera house fire Mr. Armstrong, the obliging operator worked a long time vainly striving to reach Buffalo and Bradford in order that the Express and Era might contain the news in the morning. The MINER is certainly a believer in the open door policy, but desires a door that will permit of a satisfactory passage at all times. Besides when one pays a large rental for telephone service he naturally expects something fair.

—Fire was discovered in the Baptist church, corner Fulton and Water streets, at about 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning and an alarm sounded. The hose boys quickly responded, but were unable to save the structure, which was built almost entirely of pine and burned like tinder, only the hardest kind of work the firemen succeeded in preventing the flames from communicating to the adjoining buildings. The fire originated around the furnace in the basement. The church was built in 1847 and formerly stood on Main street, opposite Brownell Bros.' store. In 1879 it was removed to the present site, where it was extensively repaired and an addition built. A few years ago a large pipe organ was placed in the church which was destroyed with the building. There was an insurance of $2,500 on the property.

—The many Smethport friends of Rev. W. F. Shero will highly appreciate the following from the Lancaster Examiner: The Rev. William Francis Shero, head master of Yeates Institute, has accepted the call to St. John's (Free) Episcopal church unanimously tendered him by the vestry three weeks ago. As the change involved an important step for a young man in the ministry to take he gave it the careful and deliberate consideration it deserved, and, finally, acted under the advice and cordial approval of the bishop of the diocese, as well as in response to the unanimous action of the vestry and the generally expressed desire of the members of St. John's to whom his ministrations since the illness and death of his predecessor, the Rev. J. Edw. Pratt, have been highly acceptable. The term of the call leave Mr. Shero free to fulfill his pending engagement with the Yeates Institute until the close of the school year.

Band music—the best band music in the world can be reproduced on a graphophone. Call at Gleason's studio and hear the music.

Christmas presents for a friend. You can either make them happy or talk them to death with a graphophone. Call on Gleason.

Hay and Straw.

20 tons baled hay and baled straw for sale by
43-4t A. T. PALMER.

Belts, Robes and Blankets at Lemaler's. The best stock in town. Prices the most reasonable.

Messrs. E. C. Henry & Co. are headquarters for the sale of Pittsburg stogies. Give them a trial.

The finest of mince moulding 30 varieties to select from. Call at L. Mosely Water street.

Don't delay getting your Christmas pictures. Come now to Gleason's studio.

When in need of a good smoke ask for the "Yukon Girl" and "Maysie" cigars.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Lena Young is home for the holidays.

Morris Mayer went to Kane on business last night.

Comrade E. F. Wright visited Bradford Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Barnes visited Bradford friends yesterday.

Dr. Burg Chadwick visited Buffalo on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. D. Christley of Colegrove was in town Thursday.

Ed. Slingerland of Coryville was in town Wednesday night.

F. R. Young arrived home from Philadelphia yesterday morning.

Miss Peter Martin of Farmers Valley was calling on friends in town Sunday.

R. C. Shaw was called to Bradford Monday to be mustered out with Co. C.

Alanson Barton Walker of the University of Rochester is home for the holidays.

Orlo J. Hamlin returned Tuesday night from an extended visit to eastern cities.

Miss Maud Davis arrived home yesterday from Lowell, Mass., to spend the holidays.

Fritz Small departed last Saturday for Boston, where he will enjoy the holiday festivities.

Mrs. Luther Lucas of Hinsdale, N. Y., has been the guest of her nephew, R. C. Gleason.

Scott Redfield, who is a student at Hobart college, came home Wednesday night for the holidays.

C. E. LeFevre was called to Oil City last Sunday where he was mustered out with his company.

The Rev. T. A. Stevenson of Eldred is visiting at the residence of Rev. Mr. McCandless.

Judge T. A. Morrison and Hon. T. F. Richmond went to Coudersport Tuesday to attend court.

Miss Bessie Scanlon of Colegrove was the guest of Mrs. A. W. Colegrove the forepart of the week.

John Forrest and Miss Nettie Hamlin visited Buffalo Tuesday to meet returning holiday students.

William Evans of Farmers Valley has moved to town and is now in the employ of D. C. Young.

Miss Hilda Lawson departed Wednesday to spend the holidays with Sistersville relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGuier and Mrs. J. F. Davis enjoyed a pleasant sleighride to Bradford Sunday.

Misses Helen and Ruth Forrest and Ethel Gifford came home from school Wednesday night for the holidays.

R. Sandberg was called to Bradford Monday to receive his discharge with the other members of Company C.

Arthur Mitchell arrived home Saturday from the law school at Carlisle to spend the holidays with his parents.

H. D. Wadhams, editor of the Olean Ledger, was a most agreeable caller at the Miner office last Saturday.

Hons. Henry Hamlin and Robert H. Rose went to Baldwinsville, N. Y., Saturday to inspect their large gas territory.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thamm, Misses Nettie Hamlin and Leslie Bard and G. B. Mayo were Olean visitors last Saturday.

Rev. J. Heber McCandless and Dr. H. L. McCoy departed for New York Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Rev. Mr. Brown.

Messrs G. W. Mitchell and J. F. Rooney, Issdames T. A. Morrison, J. Y. Davis and Charles McKean went to Bradford to attend the funeral of Mrs. Grubb.

Jay Decker, a former Smethport boy, was a guest of Glenn Chase on Sunday. Jay has been engaged in the lumber business in West Virginia for some time.

Jarles A. and Charles McKean went to Bradford Tuesday night to act as pallbearers at the funeral of Mrs. Grubb, which was held at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

M. W. Heinlein of Farmers Valley was in town Wednesday night. Mr. Heinlein informed us that the Eclipse Natural Gas Co., of which he is a member, started a new well at Coryville on Tuesday.

William H. Walker of New York, Edward B. Walker of Pittsburg and Dr. and Mrs. John Dodds Flagg of Buffalo will make their usual holiday reunion visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. T. R. Taylor and children start today for New Jersey, where she goes to join her husband, Rev. T. R. Taylor, who has an excellent appointment at Alton. The MINER wishes them abundant happiness and success.

Death of Mrs. Grubb.

Mary Ellen, beloved wife of ex Sheriff Walter Grubb, died at 9:30 yesterday morning at her home, No. 19 Kennedy street. Mrs. Grubb had been ill for about a year and for seven months had been a helpless invalid. A cancerous affection of the stomach was the cause of death. During her long illness deceased had borne her affliction with the greatest of fortitude and never for a moment lost courage. Everything possible was done to save her life, but all efforts were fruitless.

Mrs. Grubb was a woman of admirable character and possessed of all the qualities of mind and heart that go to form the true type of wife and mother. Her friends were legion and her death has caused a feeling of sorrow to pervade the circles wherein she was best known. Deceased was 41 years of age. She was born in Athens, Pa., and had lived in Bradford and Smethport since 1876. A husband and one son, Norman, are left to mourn her demise. During the past two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grubb, parents of the bereaved husband, have been at the sufferer's bedside awaiting the end. Mrs. Mary Nugent, mother of the deceased, and a brother and sister reside in Oklahoma, and have been notified of Mrs. Grubb's death.—Bradford Era, Tuesday.

Mrs. Grubb had hosts of friends in Smethport who will sincerely mourn her early departure and sympathize with the bereaved husband and son in their sad affliction.

Christmas at St. Luke's and All Saints'.

St Luke's church and All Saints', East Smethport, will have their Sunday school festivals on a large scale this year. The Christmas tree at All Saints' will be at 4 p. m. on Christmas Eve., December 24th. The ladies of the Guild have prepared for a large well-laden tree. At St. Luke's the children's service will be at 7:30 Christmas Eve. The music at this service, including several Christmas carols, will be sung by the junior choir, which numbers about twenty children's voices, whose singing has attracted much attention for its excellence and effectiveness. Mrs. Robinson has had charge of this choir for the past year and has done a remarkable work. After the service the Christmas tree will be displayed at the church on Fulton street.

On Christmas Day the services at St. Luke's will be at 8, 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The usual elaborate festival music will be rendered by the choir and will include Novello's "Adeste Fideles" and Gounod's "Nazareth." The service list at St. Luke's will not be excelled in our largest cities.

Clarion Normal has a university graduate in the department of Literature and Rhetoric. Miss Gettemy has the degree of A. M. which she earned by hard study at Ann Arbor. This Normal has well-trained teachers in all of its departments. Write for catalogue and examine.

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Farmers Institute Program.

Institute will be held in the court house, Smethport, on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30, 1898. Exercises public and free. Everybody is invited. The program:

FRUIT GROWERS' SESSION.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, 1:30. President, D. C. Young.

Music,	James Quirk's String Band
Potato Culture,	Hon. Alva Agee
Fruit of Pennsylvania,	Prof. Geo. C. Butts
Our Country Home,	Farmer C. L. Peck

EDUCATIONAL SESSION.

In the interest of education for farmers and their children. Thursday evening, Dec. 29, 7:00. President, Prof. W. P. Eckels.

Music,	High School Orchestra
Rabbits on the Farm,	Prof. W. P. Eckels
Making a Country School Pay,	Hon. Alva Agee
Window Gardening,	Prof. Geo. C. Butts
"Education vs. Ignorance in Modern Farming",	Farmer C. L. Peck

GENERAL FARMING SESSION.

Friday morning, Dec. 30, 9:30. President, Frank Sherburne.

Music,	James Quirk's String Band
The Question Box,	
Our Pollution,	Hon. Alva Agee
Breed and Breeding,	Farmer C. L. Peck
Reclaiming Worn-out Soils,	Prof. Geo. C. Butts

Friday afternoon, Dec. 30, 1:30. President, J. C. Stull.

Music,	James Quirk's String Band
The Question Box,	
Insect Life,	Prof. Geo. C. Butts
Economy in the Application of Farm Manures,	Farmer C. L. Peck
Our Extravagant Neighbor,	Hon. Alva Agee
Is our summer orchard a success?	

Friday evening, Dec. 30, 7:30. Smethport Travellers' Club, Mrs. D. C. Young, President.

Piano Solo,	Miss [illegible]
What Constitutes Good Citizenship,	Mrs. E. C. Wells
Civics—Village Improvement,	Mrs. S. P. Weaver
Vocal Solo,	Mrs. H. C. Wells
What Makes a Successful Life,	Miss McCoy
Debate—Resolved That Education should be Compulsory. Affirmative, Miss M. Pattison. Negative, Miss M. Pattison	M. Hibbard
Star Spangled Banner,	Audience

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The foregoing order will be followed as closely as possible, but other exercises will be introduced if found desirable.

Speeches, essays and papers ought not to exceed twenty minutes. The papers, when read, are considered the property of the Department of Agriculture.

Although these institutes are designed and conducted for the education and advantage of farmers, yet all who are interested are invited to attend, and it is hoped that they will show their appreciation, not only by being present at the meetings, but also by taking part in the discussions.

ASK QUESTIONS.

A question box will be kept upon the secretary's desk, and all are invited to place therein such questions as they may wish to have discussed during the session. As the proper time designated by the meeting, those questions will be referred to some one for answer, or brought up for general discussion.

For further information, and programmes, address

GEO. BAUER, Smethport, Pa.,
Chairman of the Board of Institute Managers for McKean County.

COMMITTEES.

Local Committee—James Quirk, Mrs. D. C. Young, W. P. Eckels.

Committee on Questions—Wilbur Acre, M. N. Allen, Walter Daly.

County Board of Managers—Frank Sherburne, A. E. Hackett, J. C. Stull.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LAFAYETTE.

One of the strangest freaks of the season passed through here on Monday morning last. On near inspection it proved to be an old man with long white hair and beard and with feet encased in grain bags. Around his body was wrapped an old overcoat of many colors, owing to the many and variegated patches that held it together. On his back was a huge pack of old shoes and boots in various stages of dilapidation. In his arms were a bundle of poles and an old coat. In the distance he vastly resembled old Santa Claus himself and all the small children in town were very much in doubt concerning the possibility of its being him. Every horse that got a good look at him immediately started for the hills or in any other direction rather than to meet or pass him, while the old gent trudged unconcernedly onward, the observed of all observers, and greeting everyone he chanced to meet with a cheery "Good morning; a very fine morning, indeed."

Once more the fell destroyer has entered our community, and this time has taken from our midst a worthy citizen and a kind husband. John S. Tracy, who for the past year has been a constant sufferer from a complication of diseases and which culminated at last in that most dreaded of all ailments, cancer, died at his home near this place on the evening of the 14th inst., aged 55 years. The funeral was held from his late residence on Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. and the interment took place in the family lot in the Shelltown cemetery, where a great concourse of friends and relatives assembled to witness the last sad rites.

Owing to an unusually large amount of sickness among the various members of our band it has been several weeks since the full number have met on practice nights, but last Saturday evening they gathered in full force and the evening being mild and pleasant they came out in front of the hall and rendered the natives some choice selections that made their hearts swell with pride in the knowledge that so small a town should own a band with so much talent.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rice are at Coryville, helping to care for Mr. Rice's mother, Mrs. N. Rice, who is very ill, but let us are glad to state, improving in health.

Mrs. Edmons, accompanied by her son, returned to her home in Hunt, N. Y., after spending several days with Mrs. Etta Tracy.

Dr. W. L. Chrisman of Eldred visited at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Oscar Carpenter, on Monday last.

Mrs. McMahon and son of Turtle Point were in town Saturday.

E. J. Hadley and son of Port Allegany were in town Friday.

Z. H. Carpenter and sister were in Turtle Point Sunday.

W. A. Roberts of Eldred was in town Tuesday.

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Notice.

My wife, Emma R., having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation I hereby forbid any one harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no bills of her contracting.
J. K. STULL.
Coryville, Pa., Dec 5, 1898.—3t.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will sell excursion tickets to points on their line and return on December 22, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899, good for return to January 2, 1899. Call on agents for particulars.

Notice is hereby given that no bills for shoveling snow from the roads in Keating township will be paid unless authorized by the undersigned.
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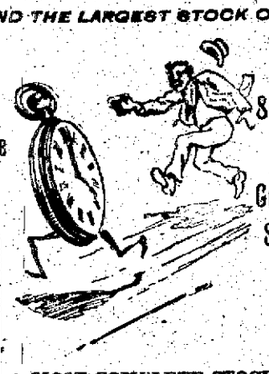

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Saturday, December 3rd, 1898,

have a bargain day sale. This is no fake sale but a genuine bona fide sale. All goods will be marked down far below the average price. These sales will only last one day each week and no goods can be bought during the week at these prices. The following are a few of the bargains that will be on sale next Saturday:

Men's Heavy Winter Box Coats, formerly $15.00, on sale Saturday at $12.00.
Men's Fine Blue Kerseys, formerly $14 and $15, on Saturday $10 and $12.
Men's Fine All Wool Suits, from $8 up to $16, on sale Saturday from $5 up to $12.
Boy's All Wool Suits, $4 up to $11, for this sale, $3 up to $8.
Men's All Wool Underwear, $2.00 suit, this sale, $1.50 a suit.
All Ties 39c and 19c.
Shoes, $1.50 up to $5, this sale $1.00 up to $4.00.
Cuffs, formerly 50c and 25c, for Sat. 40c and 20c.

All other goods in our store marked accordingly low. It will pay you to call and examine this entire new line and see some of the astonishing bargains we offer. Don't forget the date.

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A Word With You Of Seasonable Sense

What conclusion have you arrived at regarding Holiday gifts? Will you spend the money you have set aside, with which to purchase happiness for your friends, on useful or comparatively useless articles? Either brings happiness. The former to be followed by additional happiness; the latter by regrets. Why not invest in something typical of your affections—to stand the test of years

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THE CHESS PLAYERS.

The clock, unheeded, peals the midnight hour.
The flames in music, the light is waning dim.
Silence is the sound and whence the magic power?
That those two smitten with enchantment grim?

The gaping figures on the painted squares,
Misled as chessmen frisco on their boxes,
Whose fourth transmission to marble at their progress
Seems not more stiff and statuesque than theirs.

With bursts of champagne charging in the brain,
Whose bosoms crumble as they crush and fall;
With visions of heaven pounding with their fists;
There is no movement. It is resistance all.

Save that at intervals a hand outstretched
Becomes a charge or signals a retreat,
Or from the depths whence plots malign are fetched,
Issues the incident that rules defeat.

The mimic battle has been lost and won;
The spectators might has shrunken to a span;
The world is lifted from oblivion,
And each antagonist becomes a man.
—Bernard M. Peaseley in Youth's Companion

ST. DENIS.

Upon the San Saba country of Texas is an ancient stone house, said to have been the home, nearly 200 years ago, of Jugeaux St. Denis, a French explorer and adventurer, and his wife, Dona Maria, the beautiful daughter of a Spanish officer.

No more gallant figure than St. Denis steps out from the shadows of the past. He was born in Canada, spent his childhood and early youth in France, where he was educated, and had for his companions young men of the better class. He returned to Canada, and for some years took an active part in affairs there.

He is described as of majestic figure, trained in the French military schools, of manners the most courteous, of strong character, warm heart, of a power of speech peculiarly winning and of undaunted bravery.

In 1714 he led a band of hunters and trappers from Canada down into Louisiana. We know he built a fort at Natchitoches and left the greater part of his followers to garrison it. With 12 men and a number of Indian guides he crossed the Sabine river and penetrated into what is now Texas. As he journeyed he met with various Indian tribes, and seems to have had no trouble in making all of them his friends.

At last he reached the Spanish posts on the Rio Grande. At San Juan Baptista he announced to Villaseñor, the commander there, that he came to buy horses, horses and supplies, and also to establish closer and more friendly relations between the French and Spanish territories.

This was all very well, but St. Denis' most probable object was to acquire all the country over which he had marched for his king, Louis XIV, who had a shadowy claim to it by virtue of some early explorations of La Salle.

How to deal with the newcomers bothered Villaseñor a great deal. After many days of waiting and of those exasperating delays we of the present day know so well in our intercourse with Spaniards, St. Denis sent a message to the governor of Coahuila, telling his mission and asking the privilege of trade.

Now, Villaseñor had a daughter, a very beautiful daughter, named Maria. Given a handsome, vivacious young Frenchman and a beautiful Spanish girl daily meeting, and all who read know what came of it. St. Denis fell in love with her—an honest and sincere passion it was—and she in turn loved him. The beginning of love was the beginning of trouble.

For at the same time St. Denis sent his message to the governor Villaseñor sent a letter to the same personage. This letter expressed suspicions as to the object of St. Denis' visit and also told of the love affair of the Frenchman and Dona Maria. The governor was in love with her himself and a suitor for her hand. It was for St. Denis a case of putting his head in the lion's mouth and then twisting his tail.

Back came the messengers and back also came a troop of cavalry with orders to seize St. Denis and bring him to the governor's seat, Montclova, forthwith. At Montclova St. Denis was heavily ironed and thrown into prison. When he had had a few days' experience of the horrors and cruelties of a Spanish prison, the governor, Gaspardo de Anaya, came to see him, expecting no doubt to find him worn out, broken spirited and quite tractable, willing to grant anything for freedom.

The Spaniard told his captive that if he would give up Dona Maria he would be free. St. Denis indignantly scorned the proposal. His position was as desperate as a man's could well be, alone where it was impossible to appeal to any one, a stranger in a land always hazardous and cruel to strangers, suspected of designs against the state, and, worse than that, in the power of a man who loved the woman who loved him.

It is said, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." So can it be said, "Earth has no ally like a woman who loves you."

Dona Maria learned of her lover's plight by receiving a letter from the governor telling her of it. The letter also informed her that if she did not agree to marry the writer, St. Denis would be put to death.

The high spirited beauty rose equal to the occasion. Her reply to his scoundrelly was a positive refusal. More than that, she wrote that in case St. Denis met his death she herself, or some one for her, would put a knife into the governor's cowardly heart. The governor must have been impressed, for St. Denis did not die just then.

Dona Maria spent no time in delays. She at once wrote to the viceroy at the City of Mexico, the viceroy having absolute power, standing in place of his king, over all South America and a great part of North America.

She told of St. Denis and his visit, told of their mutual love, told of the messages of the governor of Coahuila and of his proposals and threats, told also of St. Denis' prominence as a subject of the French king, how his fate would surely be inquired into and avenged. "This man has been unjustly imprisoned," said she. "Before God you will be accountable for his death, now that you are notified."

In the service of the viceroy was another Frenchman, the Marquis de Lassuge, who, as was often the case with young French noblemen, had taken service in the Spanish army. He was high in favor at Mexico, and to him the viceroy showed Dona Maria's letter. Lassuge read and was thunderstruck. It seemed too miraculous to be true. If the things were told in a novel there would be criticism because it would be too improbable. The marquis had been the schoolmate of St. Denis in France, had been his associate and intimate friend. He lost no time in departing for Monclova.

St. Denis had laid in jail six months. The repetition of his jailer constantly increased. His nearest friend would not have known him. His hair and beard had grown long and matted. He was racked with fever and emaciated from hunger; but a few days and all would have been over with him.

One day his prison door was flung open and a young officer came in, stood a moment trying to penetrate the darkness and then said to the prisoner:

"Who are you and why are you here?"

"My name," said the prisoner, "is Jugeaux St. Denis. I am a gentleman by birth, a prisoner by treason and I am waiting here for death, as justice is decided me."

"Were you not born in Canada?"

"Yes."

"Raised in France?"

"Yes."

"And went to Louisiana to make a [illegible]"

"Strike off these irons!" he said to the man with him.

St. Denis in his dark cell could not see who spoke to him, but thought himself, dreaming when he heard the order to strike off his shackles.

"Who are you?" he asked faintly.

"I am Lamarge, your old friend, come to save you."

They went away together to the City of Mexico.

There in the midst of every comfort and luxury St. Denis rapidly recovered.

There was gay and attractive society there, there was his friend, there were tempting offers of brilliant appointments, but from all these St. Denis turned away to go again to the woman who loved him, had saved him, and in answer to the offer of high rank in the Spanish army he said:

"I can serve but one God. I am a Frenchman, and a Frenchman I must remain."

For his return journey he was provided amply with money, horses and a strong escort, and arrived safely at San Juan Baptista, there to renew his troth to his sweetheart. He found Villaseñor in great trouble. The surrounding Indians had left their fields and villages, had rebelled and were up in arms. The commandant was sorely put to it and in consternation.

St. Denis went out to the Indians alone. As he approached he raised a white handkerchief on his sword. The Indians allowed him to come among them and formed a circle about him. By the mere power of his eloquence he persuaded them to return to their allegiance and pledged the honor of Spain that their grievances would be adjusted.

Then, at last, this second Bayard had his reward. Dona Maria became his wife. Many years they lived together in Mexico, at Mobile, in Louisiana, until at last he fell, serving his country, in battle with the Natchez.—Thurber James in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

When Men Buy Plumes.

I sat behind two women in a Fourteenth street car when a funeral procession, made up of members of some secret society in full regalia passed up the street. The sight of the plumed hats displeased one of the women in front of me.

"Did you ever see anything sillier than that?" she sniffed. "Look at those men—dressed up in all those gewgaws just to let folks know they've got a secret. Where would you find women willing to parade around the streets togged out like stage soldiers? Who ever heard of women doing it? Imagine the Daughters of the American Revolution riding around in cocked hats, or the Women's Christian Temperance union with gold laced sprons. Women have more sense. They wouldn't deliberately make themselves ridiculous that way.

"Look at those snakes and look at those awful hats and those mangy plumes. My husband's got them all. He paid $75 for his outfit. He paid $15 for a stringy ostrich plume for his hat, and then"—here the true inwardness of her contempt for secret society regalias came out—"after paying all that for a plume he doesn't wear once in six months, he almost dropped dead because I paid $5 for a feather I've worn every day for a year. A man's just a natural born—well, I won't say it."

But you could see that she thought it, just the same.—Washington Post.

No Small Change.

Dean Monahan relates an incident which illustrates the absence of small change in the early days of Kansas. In 1868 he went into the postoffice at Hays City, threw down a quarter and asked for a postage stamp. "Want only one?" queried the postmaster, whereupon the postmaster handed him a stamp and raked in the quarter. "Don't I get any change?" demanded Monahan. "Change, h—l!" replied the government official. "We have no change in these parts smaller than a quarter!"

And this was strictly true. In Hays City the smallest coin known was the 25 cent piece. A glass of beer sold for a quarter, and the same charge was made for a pound of crackers or a cigar. It is related in the early annals of the town how the saloon and dance hall keepers held an indignation meeting to take action in the case of a new man who advertised to sell two glasses of beer for a quarter. The meeting resulted in the departure of the innovator for pastures new. As late as 1872 there was a store in Hays City which never gave any change smaller than the 25 cent piece. If the customer had, say, 15 cents coming, he was at liberty to help himself to a glass of whisky from a barrel which stood in the corner, but he need not expect his dues in money.—Kansas City Journal.

Why the Light Went Out.

In front of the high altar in the cathedral at Salzburg there is a great lamp that is supposed to burn "forever and a day." One morning, years ago, worshipers were surprised to see it go out, and this was repeated morning after morning, always about the same time. It was thought the attendant had neglected to give it sufficient oil, and though he declared his innocence, he was told that he would be discharged if the oversight were repeated. Unwilling to deal unjustly with the man, the dean of the cathedral hid himself one night to see if he could solve the mystery. He had not long to wait. About 10 o'clock a big rat was seen descending the rope by which the lamp was suspended. Having reached the oil, it fed freely, and then went away by the way it came. Needless is it to say that the attendant held his place.

Farragut's Opinion of Dewey.

Rear Admiral Dewey as a young officer impressed one as a self contained man with powerful native force. I often think of the remark made by Admiral Goldsborough to Farragut on the occasion of the visit of the latter to our ship.

The two admirals were standing within a few feet of my table, and Dewey had stepped back to give an order to the orderly.

"Farragut," said Goldsborough, "Dewey will make his mark in the world if he ever gets an opportunity."

"Aye," answered Farragut, with the pleasant smile so becoming to his homely face, "and he will make the opportunity."

And Farragut was a true prophet.—Harper's Round Table.

Revenge.

"Hurry up, there!" yelled the conductor to a man who had chased the car about a quarter of a mile. "We can't wait all day for you."

"Is this a Woodward avenue car?" asked the tall, thin man, who was panting like a tugboat after his long run.

"Yes," was the curt reply.

"That's right," said the thin man, "always speak the truth, and your neighbors will respect you."

And so saying he hurried around the corner, while the conductor came down from the car to look for a brick.—Detroit Journal.

The Tobacco Flower.

"There is one flower," says a writer in a London paper, "which has apparently been overlooked by Americans in their search for a suitable floral emblem which, I think, is worthy of their attention. I refer to that of the tobacco plant (nicotiana) in its many varieties. It is handsome. The plant is, I believe, indigenous to America, and its importance, as the solace of the human race, is indisputable."

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HE WANTED THE SHIP

THOUGHT HE WAS ELIGIBLE TO COMMAND A CRUISER.

The Shabby Trick Played Upon a Patriotic Greek Boiler Maker by Some of Uncle Sam's Sailors With Whom He Had Shipped.

"About four years ago the cruiser on which I was serving shipped a boiler maker while we were on the Mediterranean station," said a Washington chief petty officer of the navy, now on leave of absence. "Our former boiler maker's time expired while we were at Gibraltar, and as he was not in good physical shape he wasn't re-enlisted, but took his discharge and returned to the United States by mail steamer. So the ship was shy a boiler maker, a very important and necessary petty officer down below in the engineer's department, and when the ship pulled into Naples harbor the chief engineer went ashore to see if he couldn't dig up a boiler maker.

"There's a clause in the enlistment regulations permitting commanding officers to ship necessary men on foreign stations in short handed emergencies. The chief engineer brought back to the ship a Greek named Charlie Maro. The man couldn't speak any English—to speak of—but he was a good man at the boiler making business, and he was duly shipped aboard of us for three years. He was a wild, hairy looking Jot, Maro was, and he got a good deal of a laugh at the hands of the crew, especially the younger fellows, from the time he first came over the side.

"Maro thought that there wasn't any other country on the map except Greece. He thought that the 'Greeks man' was the hottest kind of a tamale when it came to scrapping by land or sea, and after he got hold of enough English to make himself understood he used to take some of the young apprentice boys up into the eyes of the ship and tell them with many gesticulations and furious words of the different kinds of tar Greece would knock out of Turkey if the two countries ever came to an open rupture.

"The ship was around on the Pacific station when the war broke out between Greece and Turkey. When the news of the outbreak of the war got to Maro, our boiler maker, he nearly had heart disease and a whole lot of other sudden things from pure excitement. He just couldn't hold himself in, he looked so tickled.

"'Da Greeks man willa him! him! him! da Turks man,' was Charlie Maro's way of putting it, and he didn't see that the Turk had a ghost of a show. All hands forward encouraged him in the belief. They all acquiesced in expressing the belief to Maro that Greece would simply eat Turkey up. Then a bo'sun's mate who knew how to crack the most impossible kind of steers with a face as solemn and wooden as an Indian's took Charlie in hand and told him some things. He told Maro that the United States was so much in sympathy with Greece in the struggle with Turkey that the navy department had decided to turn over all of the ships of the American navy to Greek commanders.

"'Here's a big chance for you, Maro,' the bo'sun's mate told Maro. 'You just want to work your edge. Here you are already shipped on this cruiser, and it's dollars to doughnuts that if you ask for the command of this ship in order to take her over to Greece to mix it up with the Turks you'll get it hands down. Better try it on.'

"That idea impressed Maro a heap. He asked the bo'sun's mate whom he'd have to apply to to get command of the cruiser.

"'Why, to the commanding officer, of course,' was the reply.

"Maro was tremendously important for a day or so while he let this huge idea grow within him, and he bullied the men detailed to work with him down below in the boiler room a good deal. The bo'n's mate kept working him up to it, and finally Maro appeared on deck one morning togged out in his very best mustering suit of bluejacket clothes and went up to the officer of the deck and asked permission to see the commanding officer at the mast. The officer of the deck was rather surprised to see the man all done up in his mustering togs when all hands were at work, but, as he is obliged to do when an enlisted man requests permission to see the commanding officer, he sent word to the skipper, who soon emerged from his cabin and appeared at 'the stick.'

"'Well, my man?' said the skipper to Maro, who stood bolt upright and saluted with a flourish.

"'Sare,' said Maro to the skipper, 'I have a da honor to her-a-by taka da command of a da ship.'

"'Hey?' said the commanding officer, putting his hand to his ear and looking as if he hadn't heard aright.

"'Da ship,' repeated Maro. 'For-a da navee of-a Hollas—da Greeks navee—I hava da honor to taka da command.'

"All hands among the enlisted men were up on the to'gallant fo'c'sle taking the thing in, and they broke into a roar that you could have heard five cable lengths' distance. Maro heard it, and, suspecting that his confidence had been abused, got red and flabbergasted. He suddenly bolted for the engine room hatch and made his way below, and it took three marines to drag him aft to the sick bay, where the surgeon, at the skipper's command, gave Maro a half hour's examination as to his sanity. Maro was game enough to decline to give the name of the enlisted man who had told him he was eligible for the command of the ship upon its being 'turned into the navy of Greece,' but the thrashing he gave that bo'sn's mate when he got him 'on the beach' was certainly savage."—Washington Star.

What He Really Meant.

"I can hardly believe the statement of that fellow who said one trolley car could not hold all the women he has married."

"I do. There might be room for them, but I don't think it could hold them when they got started to discussing the situation."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An Embryo Genius.

Lord Crewe, at an educational meeting at Liverpool recently, told an amusing story of the little son of a friend of his who refused to say his lesson to his governess. He admitted that he knew it well; but, said he: "If I say my lesson, what's the use? You will only make me learn something else." That child will probably be heard of again.

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"Yes," the bride responded, "but it is so sad! If it hadn't been given to Henry by his favorite uncle, I should propose having it taken out and something else put into the frame. The frame is lovely! But it makes me blue every time I look at the picture. There that poor young couple have just buried their little baby—their firstborn, likely—oh, I can't bear to see it!"

And the bride wiped away a tear.—Brooklyn Life.

English Suburban Homes.

In the United States you are far ahead of England in respect to new suburban homes. Whatever may be the faults of the imitations of Richardson—America's greatest architect—or even of the queer gabled and verandaed villas which for some inscrutable reason are named after the good Queen Anne, there is something picturesque about most of these buildings—if it is only the usually good sky line. But the modern suburban homes in England are monotonously ugly. As a rule they are run up in rows by some speculative builder who is his own architect.—Montagno Marks in Art Amateur.

Too Hasty.

"Ruggles, I am in some embarrassment. I want to make a present of a jewel box, appropriately inscribed, to a young lady"—

"Corbus, I'm sorry, but I haven't a cent."

"Confound you, did you think I was asking you for money? I only wanted your help in getting up the motto to inscribe on the jewel case."

"Corbus, you interrupted me. I was about to say that I hadn't a sentiment in my mind that would be appropriate to the occasion."—Chicago Tribune.

No Rest.

A comedy scene followed the third act of a tragedy at a theater in an English provincial town. The villain had met his death, and the curtain was lowered, but hung suspended three feet above the stage. All efforts to lower it proved unavailing until the corpse arose from the stage, and said, in sepulchral tones, as he dragged down the curtain, "No rest, even in the g-r-r-r-ave!"—London Fun.

Neighborly Comment.

Uncle Rube—I hear that city farmer that bought Si Brown's farm to play with braggin that his taters cost him a quarter apiece to raise.

Uncle Josh—Ain't it funny how a man kin be proud of bein a dern fool?—Indianapolis Journal.

A Bad Break.

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The scene was at Alexandria, where the judge was holding court. The courthouse there is a representative country temple of justice, the doors opening up on a center aisle, which leads directly to the bench. On the particular morning in question shortly after the court had convened both swinging doors were suddenly opened wide and a man with a very unsteady gait came reeling down the aisle. When he had reached a point directly in front of his honor, he paused, struck an attitude, and shouted, "By G—d, judge, I'm a hoss."

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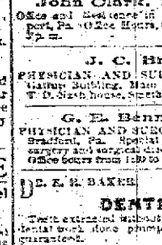

Morality may prate, and doctors preach, and police threaten from the housetop, but just so long as the birds sing and the flowers bloom, and a maiden's lips are cherry-red, and a young man's eyes look love, just so long the lads and lassies will kiss—and kiss again.

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Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, 10:10 a. m.
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EASTWARD.
6:25 a. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Tamaqua, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:25 p. m., New York 9:50 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:40 p. m. Pullman Parlor car and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Washington.
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9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:35 a. m., New York 9:35 a. m. week days (10:25 a. m. Sundays). Baltimore 6:35 a. m., Washington 7:45 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred at Harrisburg. sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.
6:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Lilly, Ridgway, Dubois, Clearfield and intermediate stations.
10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and week days for Dubois and intermediate stations.
6:35 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:30 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:00 p. m., arriving at Emporium 5:10 a. m., week days, with Pullman sleeping cars and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.
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